

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-8 and 12-17 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 9 has been amended. Amendments to claim 9 are supported by Figures 23-25 of the present application. After further reviewing the claims, Applicants believe that claim 11 reads on Figures 23-25. Therefore, Applicants request consideration of claim 11 on the merits.

Claims 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kurita (U.S. 4,945,398). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Kurita discloses a first conductor 4 having portions 4a and 4b, another portion of first conductor 4 (not numbered) connecting the portions 4a and 4b, a second conductor 3, a semiconductor chip 2, and a resin package 8. However, Kurita fails to disclose "a second conductor placed in side-by-side relationship to the second portion" of the first conductor. Further, Kurita fails to disclose "the second portion being provided with a pair of cut-outs extending from the first edge toward the second edge to partially define the third portion," as required by claim 9. Kurita fails to disclose any cut-out features in the second portion, much less cut-outs that partially define the portion of the first conductor 4 that is connecting the portions 4a and 4b. Therefore, Applicants submit that Kurita fails to disclose every limitation of claim 9-11.

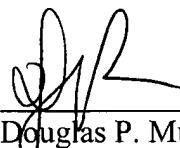
As to claim 11, Kurita discloses a conductor 4 with a portion 4a covering some of the semiconductor chip 2. However, a cut-out 4c of the portion 4a prevents the conductor 4 from entirely covering the first surface of the semiconductor chip. Therefore, Kurita fails to disclose, "wherein the first portion of the first conductor entirely covers the first surface of the semiconductor chip," as required by claim 11. Consideration and allowance of claim 11 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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